



SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**ORDER PAPER**

**THIRD SITTING, FIRST SESSION (2007/2008), NINTH PARLIAMENT  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008 AT 1:30 P.M.**

1. PRAYERS
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3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT
4. BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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  - i. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago for the year ended June 30, 2007  
**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**
  - ii. Report on the Seventh Actuarial Review of the National Insurance System as at June 30, 2005  
**(By the Minister in the Ministry of Finance)**
7. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES
8. QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER APPEAR IN THE APPENDIX**

**Questions for Oral Answer**

**\*Question No. 2 to the Honourable Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Would the Honourable Minister inform this Senate whether:

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\* Question No. 2 deferred for one (1) week on 15.01.08.

- i. Caribbean Industrial and Technological Services Ltd (CITSL) is a subsidiary of the University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) which is a non-governmental organization?
- ii. If the answer is in the affirmative, would the Minister inform this Senate whether CITSL has a mandate to re-organize and/or restructure CARIRI and the IMA, two statutory agencies?

**\*Question No. 3 to the Honourable Minister of Labour, Small and Micro Enterprise Development**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Would the Honourable Minister inform this Senate whether:

- A. Foreign companies which utilize the services of Chinese immigrant workers to execute a large number of Governments' construction projects are subject to and governed by all relevant Labour Laws in effect in Trinidad and Tobago?
- B. Would the Honourable Minister also inform this Senate of the measures used by the Ministry of Labour to ensure that all relevant Labour Laws are complied with by these foreign contractors/companies?

**\*Question No. 4 to the Honourable Minister of Works and Transport**

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

Would the Honourable Minister inform this Senate when the Licensing Authority will be fully computerized in order to bring relief to the drivers of this country and particularly to protect against any fraudulent activities within the Authority?

**\*Question No. 18 to the Honourable Minister of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs**

**(By Senator Dr. Adesh Nanan)**

Would the Minister advise the Senate on the status of the Nelson Island Heritage project?

9. QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMEN OF SESSIONAL AND SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEES
10. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
11. STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES
12. PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS
13. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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\* Questions Nos. 3, 4 and 18 deferred for one (1) week on 15.01.08

14. MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE AND MOVED BY A MINISTER OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
15. PUBLIC BUSINESS

**PRIVATE BUSINESS**

**Motions:**

- (i) **WHEREAS** there exist in Trinidad and Tobago a privately run security Industry which employs in excess of fifty thousand security guards who are unprecepted;
- AND WHEREAS** these unprecepted security officers are required to work under conditions which may be inconsistent with the provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA);
- AND WHEREAS** many guards are remunerated at low rates of pay thereby requiring many to work excessively long hours;
- AND WHEREAS** there is a need for government to protect the rights of these workers and to guard them against exploitation;
- AND WHEREAS** the government has not established the necessary standards and regulations to govern the private security industry;
- BE IT RESOLVED** that the government take all necessary steps to ensure that unprecepted private security guards are not exploited by virtue of the high demand for security services; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the government take all the necessary measures to enact into law the relevant legislation to establish the necessary standards and regulations that would govern the private security industry.
- (By Senator Wade Mark)**
- (ii) **WHEREAS** Section 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago provides for all citizens the right to equality of treatment from any public authority in the exercise of any function and the right to equality before the law and the protection of the law;
- AND WHEREAS** both Houses of Parliament have already passed into law the Equal Opportunities Act;
- BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government takes immediate steps to have the Equal Opportunity Legislation proclaimed and fully effected in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.
- (By Senator Wade Mark)**
- (iii) **WHEREAS** there are allegations of widespread corruption and mismanagement of the money spent by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago;

**AND WHEREAS** there are allegations of a lack of transparency;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate call on the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to account for the manner in which it has conducted the financial affairs of the State and for its failure to take corrective action.

**(By Senator Wade Mark)**

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **Bills Second Reading:**

- (i) **The debate on the following Bill which was in progress when the Senate adjourned on Tuesday January 15, 2008, will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Copyright Act, 2007.”

**(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)**

- (ii) A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Legal Profession Act, 1986.”

**(By the Minister of Legal Affairs)**

- (iii) A Bill entitled, “An Act to provide for the implementation by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago of the Agreement Establishing the Seat of the Caribbean Court of Justice and the Offices of the Regional Judicial and Legal Services Commission between the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean Court of Justice and the Regional Judicial and Legal Services Commission.”

**(By the Minister of Foreign Affairs)**

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

**Question No. 1 to the Honourable Attorney General**

**(By Senator Prof. Ramesh Deosaran)**

With respect to the specific offences of robbery, burglary, larceny, abduction, kidnapping, assault, house break-in, possession of drugs and drug trafficking, could the Minister inform the Senate for each of the last four years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

- a. How many times each offence was committed (reported) in each of these years?
- b. How many persons have been charged for each offence in each year?
- c. Of those charged, how many have been granted bail or refused bail in the Magistrate's Court?
- d. Of those refused bail in the Magistrate's Court, how many on appeal have had such bail subsequently granted in the High Court?
- e. Of those granted bail in the Magistrate's Court, how many have had this decision on appeal reversed in the High Court?
- f. Of those granted bail in the Magistrate's Court, or in the High Court, how many have subsequently been charged for one or more of these offences?
- g. What type(s) of offence(s) have they been charged for while out on bail?
- h. Of those charged for each of such offences while out on bail, how many have been convicted?
- i. Of this convicted lot, what type of sentence did they receive?

**(Answer due by 15.01.08)**

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